

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: One bill was introduced as follows: S. 1270. **Page S5567**

Measures Passed:

Presidential and Provincial Elections in Afghanistan April 2014: Senate agreed to S. Res. 151, urging the Government of Afghanistan to ensure transparent and credible presidential and provincial elections in April 2014 by adhering to internationally accepted democratic standards, establishing a transparent electoral process, and ensuring security for voters and candidates, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the committee amendment to the preamble.

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Measures Considered:

Keep Student Loans Affordable Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1238, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend the current reduced interest rate for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans for 1 year, to modify required distribution rules for pension plans.

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A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, July 10, 2013, the Majority Leader be recognized and that following the remarks of the two Leaders, the time until 12 p.m. be equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders or their designees with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to ten minutes each; and that at 12 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10, 2013, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S5575**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 54 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 170), Jennifer A. Dorsey, of Nevada, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada.

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Geoffrey R. Pyatt, of California, to be Ambassador to Ukraine.

Tulinabo Salama Mushingi, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Burkina Faso.

Daniel R. Russel, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (East Asian and Pacific Affairs).

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Wanda Felton, of New York, to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2017.

Mark Bradley Childress, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania.

Tomasz P. Malinowski, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor.

Carlos Roberto Moreno, of California, to be Ambassador to Belize.

Evan Ryan, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Educational and Cultural Affairs).

Dennis V. McGinn, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army, Foreign Service, and Navy.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—170)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 10, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of

the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5575.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for fiscal year 2014.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the

nomination of John H. Thompson, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Census, Department of Commerce, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Durbin, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of James B. Comey, Jr., of Connecticut, to be Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 2628–2636, and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 290–291, 293–294 were introduced. **Page H4308**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4309–10**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 657, to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to improve the management of grazing leases and permits, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–145, Pt. 1);

H.R. 819, to authorize pedestrian and motorized vehicular access in Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–146, Pt. 1); and

H. Res. 292, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 761) to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to more efficiently develop domestic sources of the minerals and mineral materials of strategic and critical importance to United States economic and national security and manufacturing competitiveness (H. Rept. 113–147). **Page H4308**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Collins (NY) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4217**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:35 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H4221**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yeas-and-nays vote of 262 yeas to 138 nays with 1 answering "present", Roll No. 310. **Pages H4221, H4230–31**

Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony honoring the life and legacy of Nelson Mandela: The House agreed by unanimous consent to discharge from committee and agree to H. Con. Res. 43, to authorize the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony honoring the life and legacy of Nelson Mandela on the occasion of the 95th anniversary of his birth. **Page H4231**

Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2014: The House began consideration of H.R. 2609, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, July 10th. **Pages H4224–30, H4231–4308**

Agreed to:

Noem amendment that increases funding, by offset, for the Bureau of Reclamation rural water projects by \$25,000,000; **Pages H4255–56**

Hastings (WA) amendment that reduces funds in both the Renewable Energy, Energy Reliability, and